Public Presentation of Boston Landmarks Commission, Local Historic District Commissions & Archaeology Program

2014 Accomplishments & 2015 Work Plan



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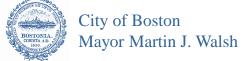
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Thank you for your hard work and dedication!







2014 Design Review Applications: All Commissions

Aberdeen: 11 Applications \$492,000 in construction

Back Bay: 374 Applications \$51,238,065 in construction

Beacon Hill: 220 Applications \$13,145,866 in construction

Bay State Road: 3 Applications \$11,038,400 in construction

Bay Village: 15 Applications \$5,558,840 in construction Boston Landmarks: 111 Applications \$69,000,000 in construction

Fort Point Channel: 33 Applications \$150,300,169 in construction

Mission Hill Triangle 5 Applications \$235,751 in construction

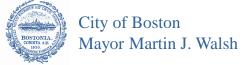
St. Botolph: 26 Applications \$544,753 in construction

South End: 387 Applications \$388,570,637 in construction

1185 Design Review Applications \$690,124,481 in construction







Back Bay Architectural District



352 Applications reviewed (including continued review)

308 Administrative reviews (88%/total)

\$51,238,065 in construction

Back Bay Architectural District



Image credit: Room & Board

375 Newbury Street Room & Board

Back Bay Architectural District



11 Newbury Street Dolce & Gabbana

Back Bay Architectural District



15 Arlington Street Tiffany & Co.

Back Bay Architectural District



699 Boylston Street - Proposed



699 Boylston Street - Completed

Storefront redesign following 2013 Marathon bombing

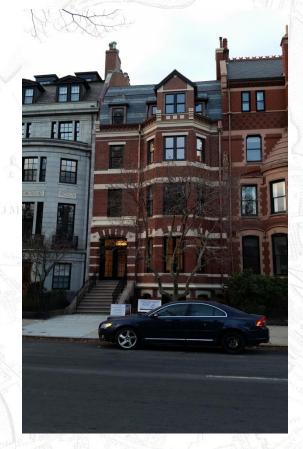
Back Bay Architectural District



755 Boylston Street – Forum

Storefront restoration following 2013 Marathon bombing

Back Bay Architectural District



245 Commonwealth Avenue

Restoration of 1877 façade, inappropriately altered in the 1920s

Back Bay Architectural District



Image credit: LDa Architects

April 9, 2014

BBAC Design Review

30 Commonwealth Avenue

380 Commonwealth Avenue

Residential re-conversion of former Harvard Club annex

Back Bay Architectural District



Image credit: Tsomides Associates

296 Beacon Street

Replacement of non-conforming 1950 building, evoking original 1870 design





Bay Village Historic District



19 Applications reviewed (including continued review)

10 Administrative reviews (52%/total)

\$5,520,840 in construction

Bay Village Historic District

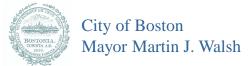


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17-25 Piedmont Street – Under construction

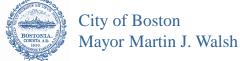
Residential building on the site of surface parking lot, formerly occupied by Cocoanut Grove nightclub



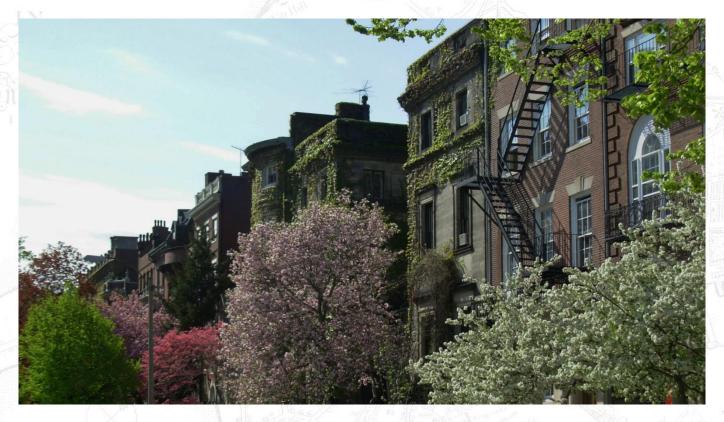


Bay State Road/Back Bay West Architectural Conservation District





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13 Applications reviewed (including continued review)

- **9** Administrative reviews (69%/total)
- **\$ 11,038,400** in construction

Bay State Road/Back Bay West Architectural Conservation District





233 Bay State Road - Completed

Boston University
Alan & Sherry Leventhal Center
(Renovations to former Hillel House, built 1953)



South End Landmark District & Protection Area





South End Landmark District and Protection Area



387 Applications reviewed (including continued review)

349 Administrative reviews (90%/total)

\$388,570,637 in construction



South End Landmark District and Protection Area



7 East Springfield Street

New construction of a 9 unit residential building

South End Landmark District and Protection Area





771 Albany Street (Protection Area)

Demolition of the 3 story Dowling connector building and the construction of a 4 story addition to the Menino Building

South End Landmark District and Protection Area





\$170 million retail and residential new construction

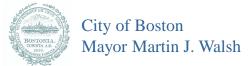


South End Landmark District and Protection Area



600 Harrison Avenue

Construction of a new 7 story mixed-use (retail/residential) building



South End Landmark District and Protection Area



(Protection Area)

New 26 story mixed-use (residential/office) building



Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District





Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District



5 Applications reviewed (including continued review)

All administrative review

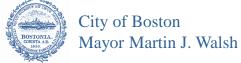
\$235,751 in construction





St. Botolph Area Architectural Conservation District





St. Botolph Architectural Conservation District



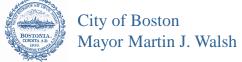


26 Applications reviewed (including continued review)

All administrative reviews

\$886,848 in construction





Historic Beacon Hill District



220 Applications reviewed

187 Administrative Reviews (85%/total)

\$13,145,866 in construction

Historic Beacon Hill District



45 Beaver Place

Construction of a private garden on long-vacant parcel (Studio 2112)

Total project cost of \$750,000

Historic Beacon Hill District







42 Mount Vernon Street (George Minot Dexter, 1846)

Phased major brownstone restoration project

Historic Beacon Hill District



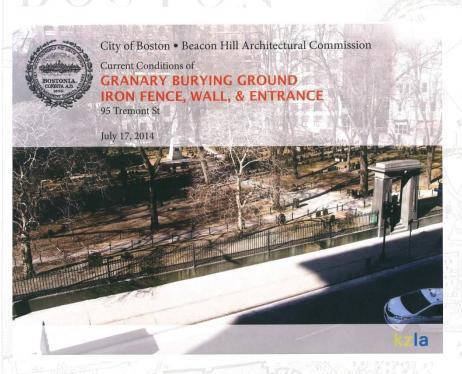


25 Beacon Street, 6 & 7 Mount Vernon Place

\$8m conversion of a portion of the Unitarian Universalist portfolio from former institutional use to residential use

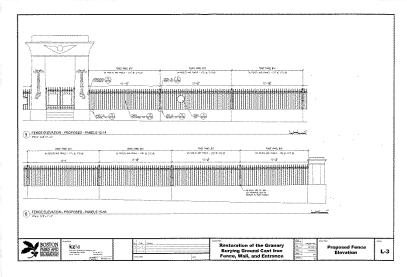
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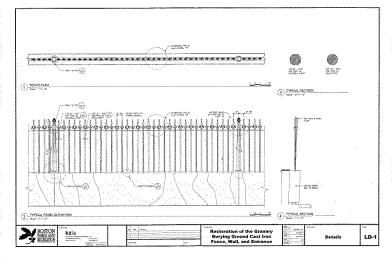
Historic Beacon Hill District



Granary Burying Ground

\$250,000 restoration of iron fence, granite retaining wall, and entry gate (Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Historic Burying Grounds Initiative)

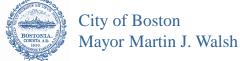




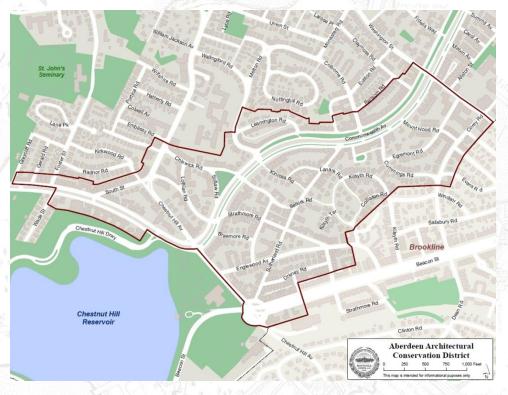


Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District





Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District



11 Applications reviewed

6 Administrative Reviews (55%/total)

1 Advisory Review

\$492,900 in construction approved



Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District







1952-1956 Beacon Street

Continued improvements at Cleveland Circle

Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District

Potential 2015 reviews





1650 Commonwealth

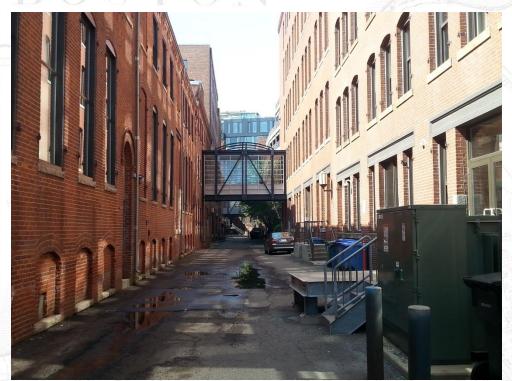
1954 Commonwealth Avenue





2014 Boston Local Districts Highlights:

Fort Point Channel Landmark District and Protection Area





33 Applications reviewed

11 Administrative Reviews (33%/total)

\$150,300,169 in construction

Fort Point Channel Landmark District and Protection Area

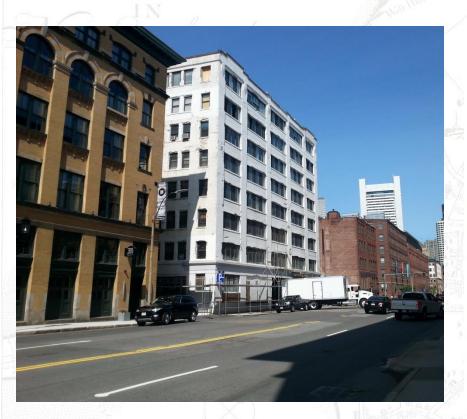




Seaport Boulevard/Boston Wharf Road Protection Area

Our Lady of Good Voyage Chapel Small office building 11-story hotel with micro units (Yotel)

Fort Point Channel Landmark District and Protection Area





369 Congress Street

Substantial exterior restoration of the district's only extant concrete building

Fort Point Channel Landmark District and Protection Area





Pedestrian bridge restoration

Original Boston Wharf Company bridge connecting 51 Melcher Street and 281 Summer Street

Fort Point Channel Landmark District and Protection Area

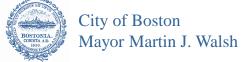




338 Congress (10 Farnsworth)

New mixed use (retail and residential) building on currently vacant site





Boylston Building

New windows and storefront to improve the building envelope and appearance





Construction era drawing

Christian Science Church Complex Administration Building 177 Huntington Avenue

New canopy, entrance, and lighting



James Collins Mansion

Renovation of the historic building with additions to provide housing in the City Point neighborhood



Norbert School, Blessed Sacrament Church Complex

\$2.6 million development of 11 new apartments in Jamaica Plain



Sears Building

\$500 million dollar residential and commercial development in the Fenway

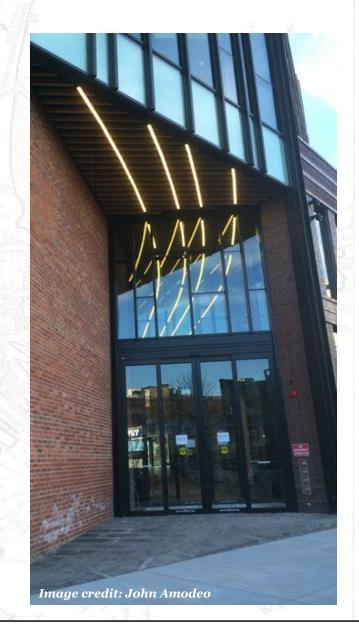


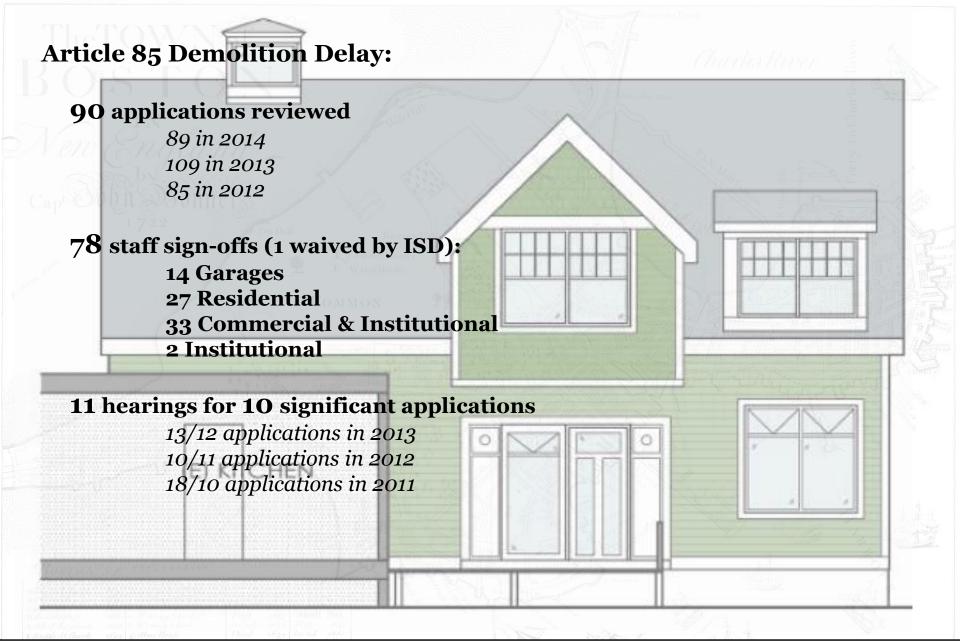
2014 BLC Reviews:

111 Applications for Certificate of Design Approval 80 in 2013 47 in 2012

34 Design Reviews hearing items77 Administrative reviews2 Violation reviewed

\$69,000,000 in construction \$645,754,060 *in 2013* \$692,066,000 *in 2012*







Landmark Petitions, Study Reports and Designations

3 Landmark petitions received

- Winthrop-Carter Building, 276-278 Washington Street
- 884 Adams Street, Dorchester
- 68 Willow Court, Dorchester

3 Study Reports completed

- James Collins Mansion, 928 East Broadway, South Boston
- Old State House, 208 Washington Street (amendment)
- National Shawmut Bank Building, 20-42 Water Street

11 Study Reports in progress

- William Lloyd Garrison House, 125 Highland Street, Roxbury
- Richardson Block, Pearl Street (9 individual study reports)
- Quaker Lane



Landmark Designations in 2014

James Collins Mansion, 928 East Broadway, South Boston



Landmark Designations in 2014

Old State House 208 Washington Street





Before (2009)

After (2014)

CLG Activities

CLG – "Certified Local Government"

- A unique partnership that provides a close integration of federal, state, and local preservation activities
- Communities that have enacted historic preservation legislation are eligible to apply for certification
- The CLG program allows communities to participate directly in the review and approval of National Register of Historic Places nominations
- CLGs are eligible to compete for federal grant funds allocated to the Massachusetts Historical Commission

National Register of Historic Places

- **9** Opinions of National Register eligibility (compared to 5 in 2013, 8 in 2012, 12 in 2011)
- **10** National Register of Historic Places nominations reviewed by staff (compared to 8 in 2013, 2 in 2012)
- 10 National Register of Historic Places nominations/amendments voted on by BLC



Blake and Amory Building

CLG Activities: Survey and Planning Grant Program

Survey & Planning Grant Administration

- FY 13 North End Survey Update Phase I completed
- FY 14 North End Survey Update Phase II started
- FY 15 Pre-application submitted to MHC for North End Survey Update Phase III



View north on North Margin Street at Thacher Street



28 Atlantic Avenue





Other BLC Activities

BLC & Staff Presentations:

- Ellen Lipsey and Tonya Loveday: Presentation at the South Boston Historical Society meeting, January 2014
- Meghan Hanrahan: "For the Public Good: Tremont Street from St. Alphonsus to Parker Street,"
 May 2014
- William Young: "Back Bay 1870" walking tour, June 2014
- William Young: "Back Bay 1880" walking tour, September 2014
- Meghan Hanrahan: ABX "What You Need to Know About Designing New Buildings in a Historic District," November 2014
- BLC sponsored and commissioners participated in 4 successful events at ABX in November 2014

Updated logo for the BLC

- Increased activity and stronger presence on social media websites
- Used online mapping tools to visually outline individual and district designations and guides for walking tours



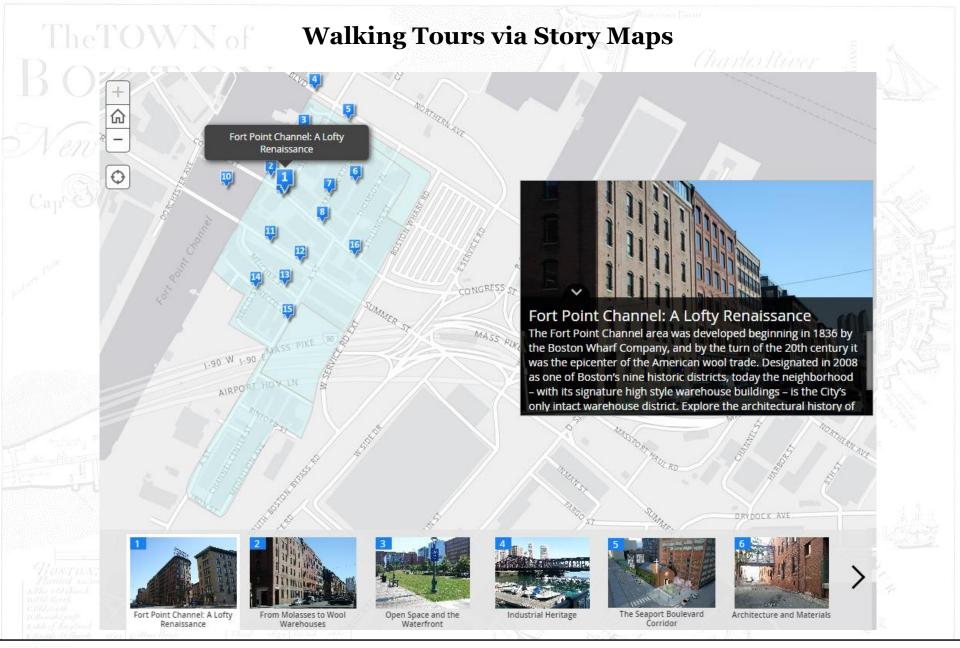
www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks City of Boston.gov Official Web Site of the City of Boston Online Services Residents Text size: A A A Search: Landmarks Commission **Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC)** The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) is the municipal preservation agency Home for Boston's historic buildings, places, and neighborhoods. Calendar » Learn More Designations & Design Review Frequently Asked Questions See a listing of upcoming BLC events. **Historic Districts** View Calendar » Archaeology **Article 85 Demolition Delay** Announcements Frequently Asked Questions 2013 Accomplishments & 2014 Work Resources Presentation available below. Publications Designations Design Review 2013 Accomplishments & 2014 Work Plan 💹 Preservation Month Contact Us Social Media » Like the Landmarks Commission. The BLC is on Facebook » Follow the Commission on Twitter. City Departments See BLC Tweets » -Select a Department View the Landmarks and Archaeology Photostream on Brighton's Aberdeen Architectural Conservation Flickr. View Photos » Brighton's Aberdeen was developed during the mid-1880s as a "Romantic Suburb" consisting primarily of free-standing residential buildings. The large, ornate houses, laid out on a plan of winding roads that respected the land's natural contours, were built as homes for the families of men

commuting to work in Boston on the newly electrified transit system.

Learn More about Brighton's Historic District »

New Interactive Map of Historic Landmarks & Districts Details Basemap Measure Find address or place **EVERETT** Legend CHELSEA SOMERVILLE **Local Historic Districts** Charlestown East Local Historic District (LHD) WATE RTOWN LHD Protection Area Allston **Individual Landmarks** Brighton Fenway South End South Boston Mission Hill BROOKLINE Roxbury Jamaica Plain West Dorchester Roslindale Roxbury Mattapan Hyde Park MILTON





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The Boston Landmarks Commission and the local Historic District Commissions serve as the stewards of Boston's historic buildings, places, and neighborhoods.

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- @ cityofboston.gov/landmarks
- (Joined December 2010
- 34 Photos and videos







PresNation Live @PresNationLive - 10m

RT @rscullin: Who knew? Historic districts have lower rates of foreclosure. Rypkema cites Philly, CT, Pittsburgh. #PreservationLaw

Landmarks Commission @COBLandmarks - 52m

TOMORROW! Join the BLC at Faneuil Hall at 6 PM as we review recent successes and look to the work ahead.



Preservation Month 2014

BLC produced a 50+ page calendar of local events in May, featuring **61** organizations

• Up from **32** participating organizations in 2013

Keynote Event – "Mated for Life: Boston and the Swan Boats"

- A talk by Lyn Paget, the descendant of the original Swan Boat operators, held at the Taj Boston Hotel
- Over **100** people attended the keynote event





Preservation Month 2014

Historic District and Individual Landmarks Walking Tours

William Young, Director of Design Review

- "Bay Village, Revised and Revived"
- "Boylston Street: The Abstract and the Concrete"
- "When Charlesgate Was in Flower"
- "What's So Special About Newbury Street?"
- "A Green Colonnade: The Commonwealth Avenue Mall"





Meghan Hanrahan, Preservation Planner

- "South by Southwest: A View from the Park"
- "Circling the Square" Open Space in the South End"

Erin Doherty, Preservation Planner

- "Fort Point Channel: A Lofty Renaissance"
- "Aberdeen from the Ground Up"
- "Filling the Flat: Beacon Hill's Western Expansion"

Elizabeth Stifel, Staff Architect

 "Christian Science Church Complex: In and Out of the City"

Joe Bagley, City Archaeologist

"The Archaeology of Charlestown"



Preservation Month 2014





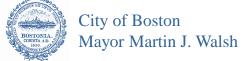
Tour de Grounds

Special Midday Tour Series: Every Tuesday (May 6, 13, 20 & 27) at noon

Coffee house-themed lunchtime tours of the Back Bay, the South End, Beacon Hill, and Downtown







City of Boston ARCHAEOLOGY

2014 Boston Archaeology Program Highlights

Public Events

Events: 38

Attendees: **9,065**

Highlights:
NCSS
Boston Children's Festival
ParkScience
Museum of Science Archaeology Fair
Archaeology Month Events





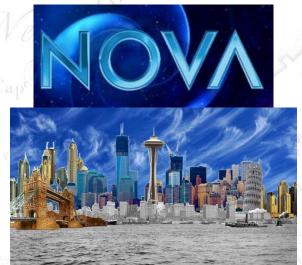




Rainsford Island - NPS Graffiti Removal



Press Opportunities

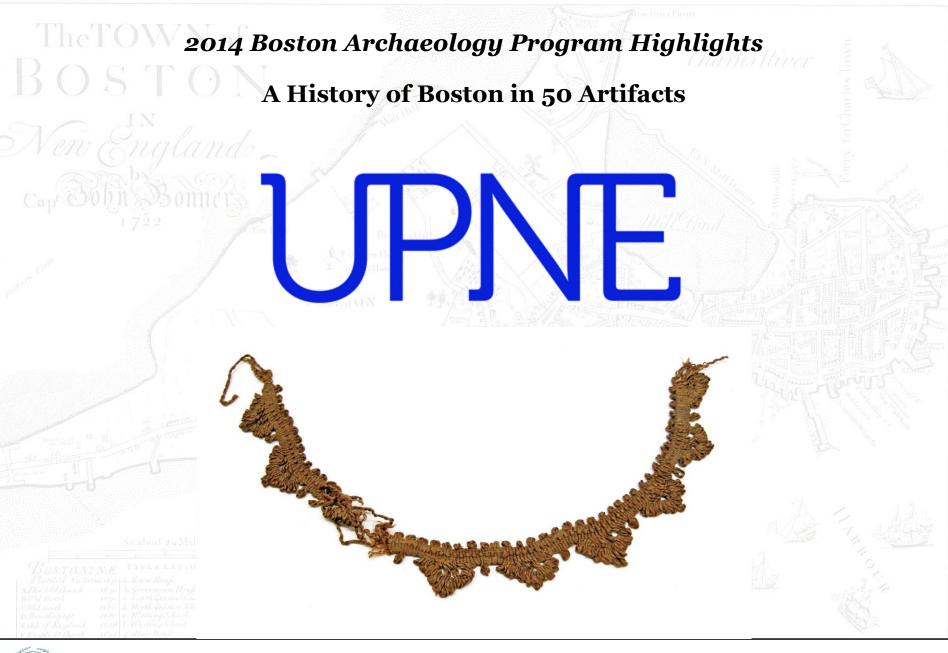




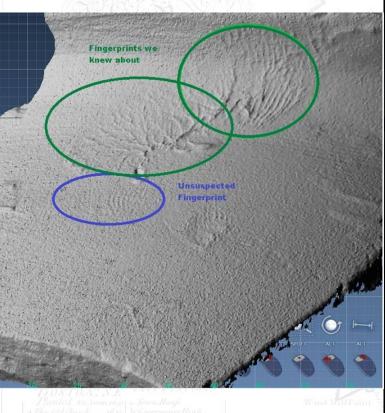








SPARC Grant







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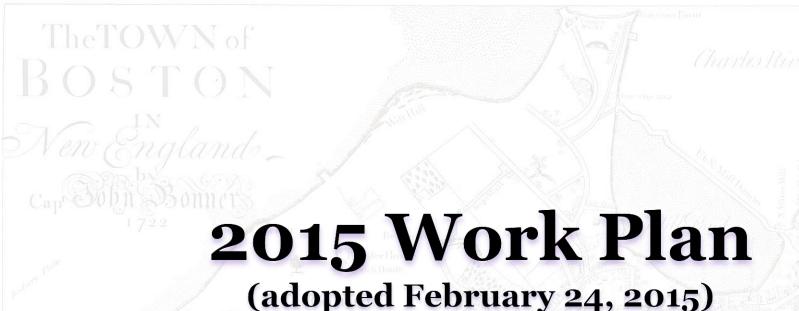
January

2012: 0

2013: 169

2014: 1,626

2015: 3385



Goals/Objectives & Designation Activities





BLC 2015 Goals and Objectives:

- To increase public understanding of the community and social benefits of historic preservation and landmark designation
- To more proactively designate worthy properties
- To support and plan for neighborhood initiatives pertaining to designation
- To anticipate and prepare for future pressures on historic properties
- To continue to fill vacancies and update commissioner terms for BLC and HDCs
- To continue to provide ready access to BLC and HDC regulations, district guidelines, meeting dates, and useful educational resources on current issues affecting historic properties via the BLC website
- To foster/implement commissioner participation
- To work towards streamlining the processes for Landmark designation, design review and Article 85, and making them more transparent and user friendly
- To continue to work collaboratively with the Office of Environment, Energy and Open Space, other City agencies, organizations, owners, developers, the public, etc.
- To continue to support and promote the City Archaeology Program
- To continue to disseminate news and information about BLC issues and events via social media



Potential Petitions:

- Youth's Companion Building, 209 Columbus Avenue
- Colonial-era resources in celebration of the upcoming 400th anniversary of Boston's settlement in 2030
- Any petitions that the Commission or others may suggest/submit



William Lloyd Garrison House, 125 Highland Street /17 Highland Park Avenue, Roxbury





Alvah Kittredge House 10 Linwood Street, Roxbury





Image credit: Historic Boston Inc.

Old Corner Bookstore 238 Washington Street



Winthrop-Carter Building 1 Water Street / 276-278 Washington Street





Richardson Block, 109-151 Pearl Street



Watch List:

New England Baptist Hospital 125 Parker Hill Avenue, Mission Hill



Image credit: The Boston Globe

Joseph Warren Homestead 130 Warren Street, Roxbury



Image credit: The Bay State Banner

Watch List:

Everett Edward Hale House 12 Morley Street, Roxbury

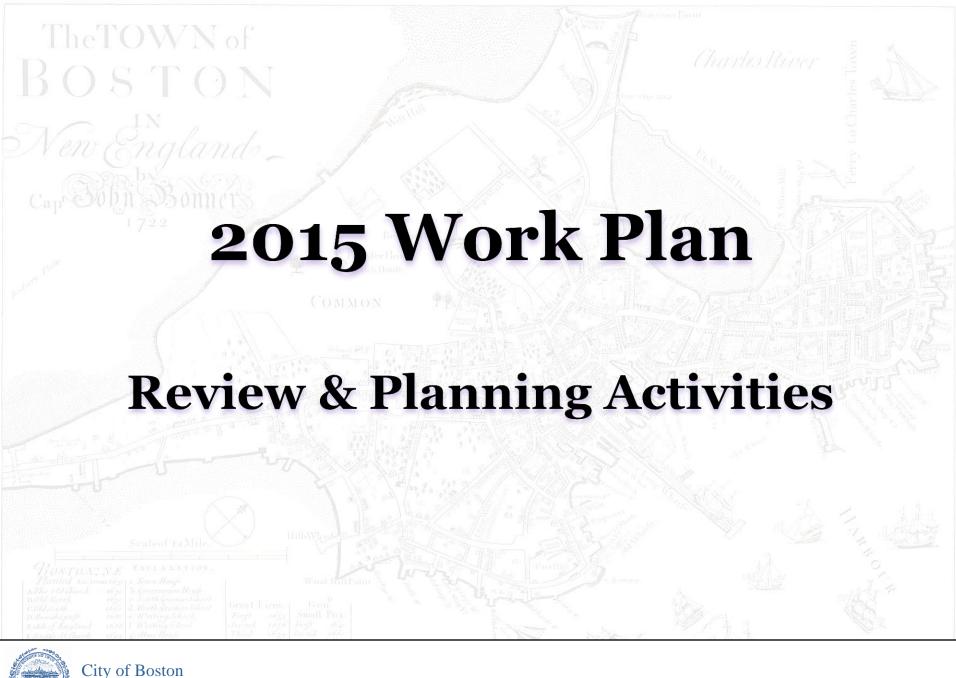


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Historic resources on Long Island, Boston Harbor Islands



Image credit: National Park Service





2015 BLC Design Reviews:

+110 Applications anticipated

(Estimate based on 2014 numbers and economic trends)

2015 Article 85 Demolition Delay:

90 applications/ 12 hearings anticipated

(Estimate based on 2014 numbers and economic trends)

Begin review of the zoning code to improve Article
 85 for constituents and City departments

2015 National Register/Certified Local Government activities:

Opinions of National Register Eligibility: 5-10 anticipated

(Estimate based on 2014 numbers)

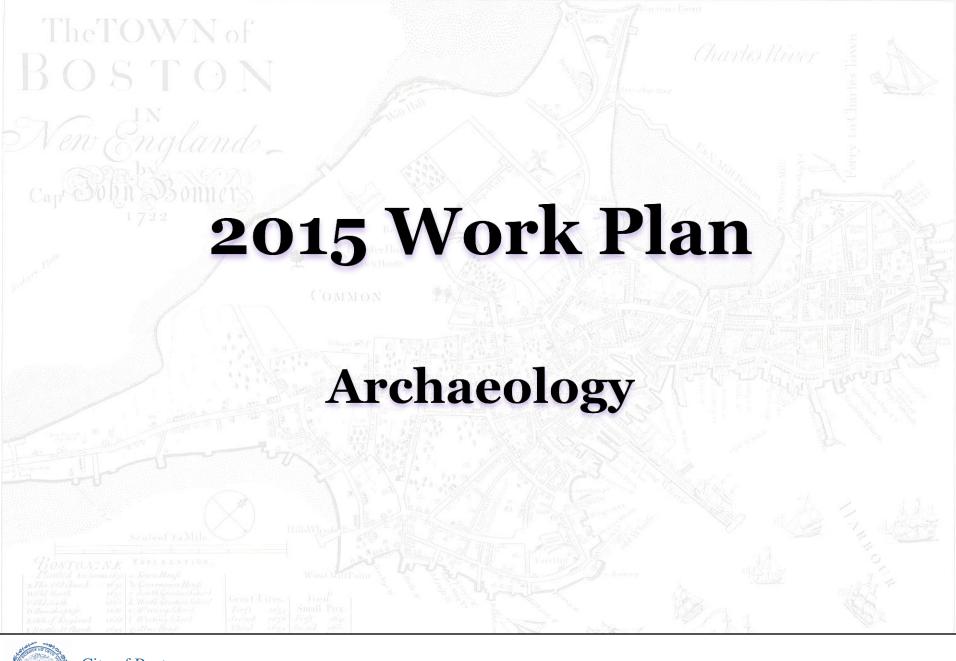
Potential NR Nominations to be prepared by BLC:

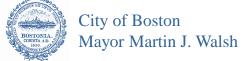
South Boston NR Districts

Survey & Planning Grants:

- FY 14 Complete Phase II of the North End Survey Update
- FY 15 Initiate implementation of FY 15 S & P Grant (if awarded)
- FY 16 Complete Pre-Application for FY 16 S & P Grant







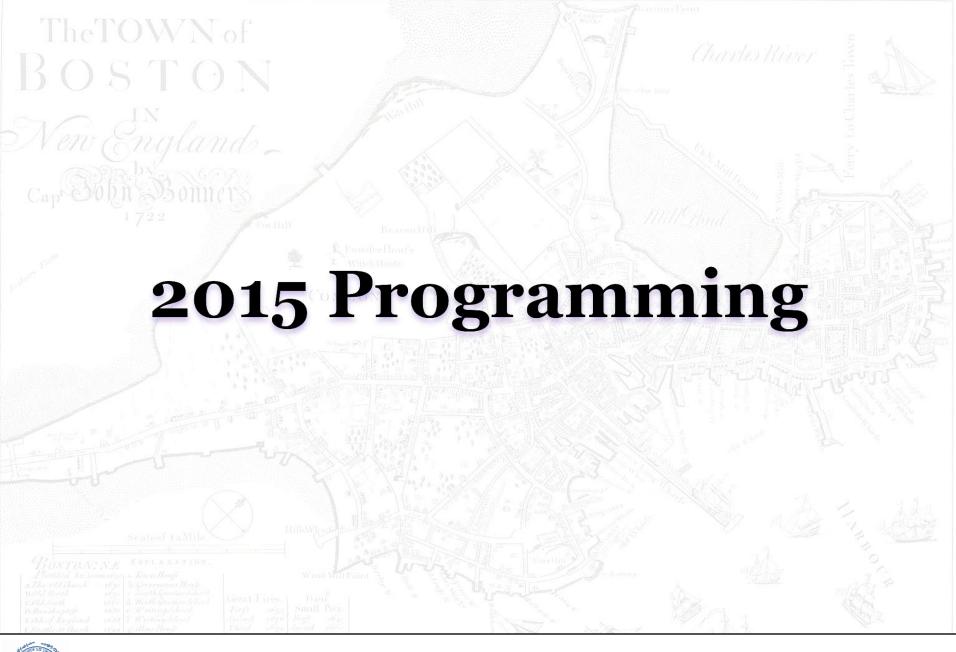
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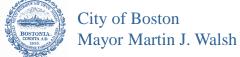
- Complete outstanding archaeological reports for Clough House, Training Field, 65 Pleasant St
- Continue public outreach through public presentations, social media, archaeology/preservation months, and partnership with outside institutions
- Surpass 4,000 Facebook fans on the City Archaeology Program's Facebook Page
- Develop and implement a survey plan for the Rainsford Island cemetery
- Provide review and compliance of projects within the BLC's review jurisdiction and execute or require archaeological surveys when and where appropriate



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$BLC\,XL-40^{ m th}$ Anniversary of the Boston Landmarks Commission









BLC XL Winter: "A Spin in the Park"

a spin in the park

Join the Boston Landmarks Commission and the Friends of the Public Garden for a free guided tour of the Boston Common, followed by ice skating at the Frog Pond, where rental skates will be made available to registered attendees at no cost along with a complimentary hot chocolate.

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2015

LOCATION: Friends of the Public Garden, 69 Beacon Street

TIME: 5:30 pm

COST: Free to registered attendees

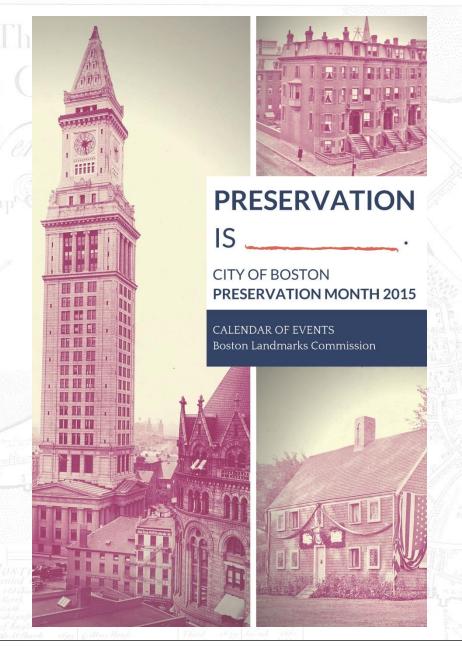
RSVP: blcxlwinter.eventbrite.com











City Celebration of National Historic Preservation Month May 2015

- BLC sponsored kickoff event with cultural historian Stephanie Schorow
- Free historic district tours led by district and BLC planners
- Preservation month booklet with partner events
- Lunchtime "Preservation is U" series featuring university owned buildings

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